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Stan Hockerson

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ATHLETIC SHOE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 1996 please amend the above-entitled application as follows under Rule 1.116 to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.

In the Claims:

1 (twice amended). An athletic shoe comprising an upper for wearing about a user's foot, a sole [mounter] mounted to the upper, said sole having a forefoot portion and a heel portion, said heel portion comprising a midsole carried below the upper and an outsole carried below the midsole, said outsole having a bottom surface at least partially bounded

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